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Sir:

This reply is filed in response to the Office action dated March 15, 2005.
Favorable consideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the following.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application and are subject to a restriction requirement. The Examiner has restricted examination to one of Group I (claim 20) or Group II (claims 1-19).

Election is made of Group II, claims 1-19 directed to a method, with traverse.

The Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned representative to expedite prosecution of the present application. If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 18-0988, our Order No. H0698.

Respectfully submitted,

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